

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 12, 2001**

**Members/Alternates Present:** Mr. William Blanken, Mr. Jesus Cepero, Ms. Terry Clancy, Mr. Ron Czajkowski, Mr. Lawrence Cattano, Jr., Mr. Richard Matzer, Ms. MaryAnn Ferrara, Ms. Susan Caputo, Dr. Bruce Ruck, Mr. H. Mickey McCabe, Ms. Deborah Murante, Dr. James Pruden, Mr. Craig Reiner, Mr. Louis Sasso, Mr. Fred Steinkopf, Ms. Deborah Timpson, Dr. Jennifer Waxler, Ms. Susan Way, Mr. Phillip Wien

**Members/Alternates Absent:** Mr. Robert Hansson, Dr. Ernest Le va, Dr. David Livingston, Senator Joseph Palaia, and Colonel Peter O'Hagan

**OEMS Staff Present:** Ms. Bonnie Anderson, Ms. Traci Anderson, Dr. John Brennan, Mr. Victor Carter, Mr. William Duffy, Ms. Karen Halupke, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Mr. Charles McSweeney, Mr. William Dougan, Mr. Stephen Bors

**Visitor's Present:** Ms. Bonnie Brazill, Mr. Jonathan Lord, Mr. John Abay, Mr. Alfred Lincks, Mr. Brenden McCluskey, Mr. Terry Hoben, Mr. Frank Goodstein, Mr. Richard Butler, Mr. Howard Meyer

Dr. Pruden called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

The October 10, 2001 meeting minutes were approved.

**PRESENTATION**

**DOMESTIC SECURITY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING GROUP**

First order of business was a presentation by Mr. Brendan McCluskey on the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group.

Please see attached presentation.

## **BASIC LIFE SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Mary Ann Ferrara reported that there has not been an official Committee meeting, however, there are concerns not only from the volunteers but also from the career personnel with regards to all of the agencies that feel the need to plan and review EMS as a result of the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. It appears that the people who responded and were responsible for taking care of the patients are not included in any of the newly created planning committees. Ms. Ferrara voiced concerns about the lack of EMS Council membership on these committees. Ms. Ferrara went on record for the BLS Committee that no one has requested a BLS representative to serve on any newly formed committee. Ms. Sue Caputo referenced the bill written by Senator Diane Allen, S2747, (identical to A3945) which states that it is required of a Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group to include a representative of the New Jersey State First Aid Council (NJSFAC).

Dr. Pruden then added that there is a newly formed committee (MEDPREP) that was established by Governor-elect McGreevey which has both a basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) representative. Dr. Pruden also serves on the MEDPREP committee. The group started meeting about four weeks ago. There is a separate and distinct task force on Domestic Preparedness on the state level that has BLS, ALS, physicians, nurses, pediatrics, etc. Dr. Pruden added that the mission of the MEDPREP Committee is to take the best practices from all the different groups that will be involved with domestic preparedness and put it together for New Jersey. The expectation is that the completed plan will be ready by mid-January. Mr. Lou Sasso then clarified that the MEDPREP Committee is primarily focused on hospitals.

Ms. Ferrara announced that this was her last meeting as President of the NJSFAS and she feels strongly that the new administration coming into the Governor's Office needs to be made aware of the EMS Council.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Discussion – None

Report accepted.

## **EMS COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lou Sasso reported for Mr. Robert Resetar that the Communications Committee met last Wednesday (12/05/01). One recommendation to go forward is that the EMS or ALS Communication Centers are going to be primarily responsible for compiling and maintaining hospital bed status. That recommendation will also be made to the committee revising the health Emergency Support Function # 8 (ESF #8) of the Emergency Operating Plan. A standardized form to track bed status has been developed. The two categories to be tracked are critical and non-critical beds (critical for yellow and red tag patients and non-critical being green tag patients). This is separate and distinct from the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). The form and the terminology have been standardized. If the ESF #8 revisions are approved, the procedure will be implemented statewide.

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There was a further update on the radios purchased by the State Police. All of the trauma centers as well as the burn center physically have the radios. The individual facility is responsible for installation. The NJ State Police is providing the hardware and licensure only. Mr. Resetar and Mr. Frank Goodstein are co-chairing the team responsible for revising ESF #8. The process is nearly complete.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

#### Discussion

Dr. Pruden asked if the proposed system would only include emergency department (ED) bed status. Mr. Sasso confirmed that only the ED bed status would be monitored. Dr. Pruden asked if the Department has gotten any additional information on hospital diversion software. Mr. Sasso responded that such software could be customized and used as a resource. Ms. Susan Way added that the diversion software would have many useful purposes; but until it is purchased and operational, we will need to be prepared for tomorrow's potential incident.

The provision of the radio equipment from the State Police for the trauma and burn centers is limited to the radio itself. Any additional hardware and installation will be up to the institution. Mr. Goodstein confirmed that the State Police would be providing only the radios.

Report Accepted.

#### **EMT TRAINING FUND**

Ms. Debbie Murante stated that they have been presented with a number of good training recommendations. A committee is reviewing those recommendations. The problem they are running into is that a lot of these recommendations don't meet the letter of the law, for disbursement of EMT Training Funds, as it was created a few years ago.

Ms. Susan Way stated that Mr. Robert Dinetz and his staff did a wonderful job in responding to concerns about the increase in basic program reimbursement. All of the training sites were surveyed and asked for their budgets, expenses, etc. This information helped to justify the increase in the reimbursement cost to \$550.00. Staff has researched and developed a new method of payment to cover some of the expenses that training sites might have incurred for books etc., and are not currently able to recoup when students drop out. They split the course into seven modules and the training sites will be responsible for tracking the number of students through each module. At the end of the course, the training site will submit one payment voucher, which is more in compliance with the law, based upon the number of students who complete each module. Mr. Robert Dinetz stated that he generated a memo from OEMS on this matter. It will be included with today's minutes (attached) and posted on our web site.

Ms. Ferrara chaired the meeting in Ms. Murante's absence. Ms. Ferrara then reported there is over 1.8 million dollars worth of initiatives that were approved by the EMT Training Fund Council, only to find out that some are on hold because of interpretation of the language of the law. This situation is frustrating. Kudos to Mr. Dinetz and his staff for developing the graduated payment system for the basic EMT students. The payment structure will be effective on January 1, 2002.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

## Discussion

The EMT Training Fund appointed Ms. Ferrara as chairperson of a committee to examine the law and make recommendations for language change. Ms. Ferrara stated that the committee has not yet met. They had hoped to move the initiatives forward with the current language. That no longer seems possible, so the entire law and its language need to be reviewed. Mr. Fred Steinkopf then added the law clearly stated that payments are to be made annually to training sites, but then there are other things that the law is not so clear on, but a specific language interpretation exists.

Dr. Pruden asked if there is clearly a defined process for reimbursement requests? Mr. Steinkopf replied that his observation from the gallery is no. Ms. Murante stated that when a committee reviews requests, recommendations are made to the EMT Training Fund Council, which are then forwarded to OEMS. The status of specific requests are reviewed at every meeting. Historically, the Department of Health and Senior Services is waiting for the Attorney General's opinion.

Dr. Pruden stated that he is sure there is a clearly defined process. It might be helpful to define that process and establish a feedback group so that at any point a status report can be provided. Recommendations are made and the Department of Health and Senior Services forwards the requests to the Department of Treasury, specifically the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Ms. Way clarified the process. OMB is part of the Treasury Department. Treasury controls the funds. There is an established reimbursement schedule and process for the continuing education unit credits. The Department of Health and Senior Services has to make the legal argument, using the attorney General's Office, with OMB to process payments for any initiative beyond the established procedure for the reimbursement (such as the computers). The Treasury Department is charged with protecting the funds.

Mr. Steinkopf then stated that they have been working with a legislator to insure that there is budgetary language to release EMT Training funds for the computers. At the December meeting, Ms. Way reported that the legislature did not include the necessary budget language. A mechanism should be established to report on the status of such issues in between meetings.

Report accepted.

Ms. Murante then clarified that the EMT Training fund has paid for basic and continuing education and the automatic external defibrillators. Also, budget language for recruitment and retention was not included.

## **MICU ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dr. Jennifer Waxler reported that the Medical Directors met prior to the MICU Advisory Council meeting. Some of the issues discussed included the ability of second year residents to provide medical command.

Dr. Justin is putting together a course for BLS personnel on the use of the Laryngeal Mask Airway (LMA) to be submitted to the Department for review sometime in January or February.

Rapid Sequence Induction (RSI) is now included in the proposed regulations to be forwarded to the Commissioner around January 1. The proposed regulations contain four chapters, ALS, BLS, critical care transport and EMT curriculum.

The ALS Pediatric Standing Orders and Recommended Radio Failure protocols are under review and will be voted on at our next meeting.

We have added the cyanide antidote kit and 2PAM to the elective medication list in light of recent events.

The repeal of the motorcycle helmet law was defeated.

The New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (NJACEP) wants to get involved in prehospital research, but under the current law are not allowed. After the new Governor takes office, we will pursue this issue. Many of the medical directors are interested in doing research, and now it is not possible.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

#### Discussions

Dr. Bruce Ruck stated that 2PAM is in short supply. The drug company's supply is out. The stock currently in the hospital is all there is.

Report accepted.

#### **NJ PIES**

Dr. Bruce Ruck reported that they are now part of the national 800 number telephone system (1-800-222-1222). The new number went live a few weeks ago, with a big kick off within the next few months. All of the old NJ numbers are still live and will remain available.

The NJ PIES office numbers will be changing, as they will be moving sometime in January.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

#### Discussion

Dr. Pruden asked if they would be associated with Newark Beth Israel after the move. Dr. Ruck replied that the affiliation would be over at the point of the move. Hospitals will still have to pay a membership fee. Ms. Way commented that Dr. Marcus and his staff did a great job in a very short period of time in looking for a new location. They will be located at UMDNJ right next to REMCS. Thanks also to Newark Beth Israel for accepting an extension of the grant to give Dr. Marcus and his staff time to look for a new location and make sure that the service continued uninterrupted.

Dr. Ruck believes that the toxicology fellowship will be reactivated in the future, as well as additional educational initiatives.

Accepted

## **NJ OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANGEMENT**

No report.

## **NJ STATE FIRST AID COUNCIL**

Ms. Ferrara would like to thank everyone for the four years of networking as this is her last official meeting as President of the New State First Aid Council. Mr. Fred Steinkopf has been elected President. Mr. Phil Wien will remain as the Southern Area VP, Ms. Barbara Aras will be the Central Area VP, taking Mr. Bill Blanken's spot and Ms. Sue Van Orden will be taking the Northern Area VP position. Ms. Ferrara has offered her services to the First Aid Council, as an alternate. All of the NJSFAC alternates are pending board approval. Officially, Mr. Steinkopf takes his position on January 13, 2002.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Discussion

Dr. Pruden wanted to take a moment and thank Ms. Ferrara for a great job, and he looks forward to a continued close relationship with the new administration.

Report accepted.

## **EMSC ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dr. Brennan reported that the last meeting was November 27, 2001. The final draft of the ALS Pediatric Standing Orders and Radio Failure Protocols went to the MICU Advisory Council two days ago for their review.

A Targeted Issue Grant application was submitted (\$400,000 of funding from March 1, 2002 to February 28, 2005) to support the emergency department pediatric critical care registry.

The Partnership non-competing renewal grant was sent in for \$100,000.

We are hoping to add four new representatives to the EMSC Council (NJ School Nurses Association, American Society of Pediatric Nurses-NJ Chapter, Committee on Trauma and NJ Safe Kids).

Our meeting dates for 2002 have changed as we move to a quarterly meeting schedule (March 19, May 6, September 17, November 19). The May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will immediately following the EMSC Conference. The EMSC Conference will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May at the Mt. Laurel Radisson.

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Motion to accept. Seconded.

Discussion – None

Report Accepted

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Sue Caputo stated that there are copies of the legislative report in your packets. A2829 has passed the Senate now to the Assembly.

A3303 went to the Assembly on Monday, where it passed and it is now in the Governor's office. The definition of healthcare worker as related to this bill is someone who provides direct patient care or clinical services and is paid an hourly wage. This will have an impact on some of the MICUs in the state in terms of mandatory overtime.

A3351 is stalled. It had previously been passed unanimously and Governor Whitman vetoed it. It was reintroduced and it passed the Assembly, it now has to go through the Senate and then back to the Assembly.

S2748 is scheduled for a hearing on December 13th at 2:30 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor annex of the State House. Ms. Caputo stated that if you look at the definition of basic life support providers, many groups would be excluded. This bill should be opposed. If this bill passes, it would force the patient to decide who will transport, the MICU or the ambulance. Ms. Caputo provided the names and numbers (attached) of the individuals on the Safety Committee. Mr. Steinkopf added that if this bill passes, the BLS providers' response would be to eliminate simultaneous dispatch and that will occur quickly. Dr. Pruden asked Mr. Howard Meyer to put together a committee right after today's meeting to look at ways of addressing this bill.

A924 has been stalled for the past year or so. A2626 is also stalled. Additionally, two hanging bills have also been introduced. Mr. Marty Hogan and Ms. Caputo are planning to meet with the sponsors to determine what the issue is.

A1706 was passed signed into law yesterday, December 11, 2001.

Federal bills S1350 and HR3109 are to amend the Social Security Act that allows payment to the ambulances for the full costs of providing such service. It would increase the basic reimbursement for ALS, BLS and specialty care transport. Senator Toricelli has agreed to support such a measure.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Discussion

Dr. Pruden started the discussion by stating that the greatest strength of this Council is in its ability to network and establish relationships. One such relationship is the EMS Coalition. It represents all the groups in the room and has been very aggressive in addressing, in particular, the negotiated rule-making process. Dr. Pruden testified in Washington in front of Senator Lieberman's committee on Bill 1350. Dr. Pruden believes they understood what we were saying and what our issues were. EMS was there and pointed out that this issue represents only 1% of

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their budget and they are spending 30% of their time on it. This most recent testimony was probably one of the last actions that the coalition is able to do on the federal side of this issue. Ms. Ferrara wanted to extend her thanks to Julie Aberger, Sue Caputo, Dr. Pruden and Mickey McCabe for their diligent efforts. Dr. Pruden added that the energies of Ms. Caputo and Ms. Julie Aberger have carried the ball a long way.

Report Accepted

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Mickey McCabe stated that on October 13, 2001 he chaired a meeting on the New Jersey EMS World Trade Center Disaster Operations. A copy of the minutes was made available (attached). The meeting was very well attended. Dr. Pruden gave opening remarks welcoming the group and telling them what a fine job they have done overall. The NJ State Police was represented by Sgt. First Class Steve Hoptay who stated, "Your response has been phenomenal and you need to be commended." Every participating EMS agency from NJ was invited to attend, with representation from nearly every group including all 21 county Offices of Emergency Management, EMS coordinators and even the 9-1-1 Commission. Mr. Craig Reiner spoke of the problems that were encountered relative to 9/11 situation. Mr. Reiner's remarks included that the NJ 9-1-1 system picked up the overflow calls from individuals from the New York. The 9-1-1 operators were watching the situation on TV, trying to give evacuation assistance, not knowing what was ahead. Mr. Reiner then touched on why some of the dispatchers will no longer be able to do this type of work. Mr. Resetar gave a presentation about the memorandum of understanding between NY and NJ. Mr. Goodstein and Mr. Resetar gave a report on the effective mobilization of resources. NY did not have such a system in place. The NJ system provided not only EMS coverage and transportation, but also communications and command structure resources. Mr. Goodstein also included a report from the NJSFAC about the mobilization efforts and what a fantastic job was done there. He stressed that agencies covered their area first as to not strip your own areas of EMS coverage. Mr. Sasso represented the ALS services noting that all 31 MICU programs were involved. Mr. Sasso also commented on the communications system that had been put into place shortly prior to 9/11 (State Police effort with the ALS dispatch centers) worked out very well and should be built upon. Mr. Sasso suggested that the NJSFAC consider realigning its mobilization district boundaries to coincide with the 21 NJ counties. It is important to have the county OEM as the focal point of the delegation of resources. Mr. Chuck McSweeney represented the Department of Health and Senior Services. He thanked the EMS community and called attention to all the positive interactions that have occurred as a result of the 9/11 tragedy

A few recommendations have come forth for things that we can do better. The first is a photo ID for all prehospital personnel. Secondly, was the need of EMS providers to have a copy of JEMS Communications plan along with a presented list of radio frequencies and their channel positions.

The minutes of the meeting were sent out to everyone who attended. A number of misgivings were addressed. A number of groups have been formed to address the issues raised.

On December 15, at the Continental Arena in Rutherford, a Holiday Express concert will be conducted with free tickets to EMS providers in appreciation of their efforts. Holiday Express



is a volunteer group of musicians that conduct benefit concerts through the holiday season. You must make arrangements ahead of time (201-460-4370 or via e-mail at groupsales @njsea.com) Tickets are to be picked up at the gate. You must use the code EMS1215.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Discussion

Photo IDs were discussed; this discussion portion was postponed to later in the meeting.

## **OEMS REPORT**

Ms. Way stated that the highlight of her report is the realignment of the Office of Emergency Medical Services within the newly formed Division of Local Health and Emergency Services within the Department. Ms. Way introduced Mr. Rich Matzer, the new Acting Division Director. Copies of the Department's organization table were available at the meeting (attached). As a result of the 9/11 disaster and anthrax incident, the Department has realigned OEMS, the Office of Local Health and the Emergency Management Office into the new division. Mr. Matzer has been the Program Manager for the Office of Local Health and he has been with the Department for quite some time.

Mr. Matzer thanked everyone for welcoming him here and he is very happy to participate with as many of the Council's meetings as possible. Mr. Matzer stated he was fortunate to participate in the EMT Training Fund Meeting last week and recognized a number of faces.

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (continued)**

Mr. Steinkopf made a motion that a committee be appointed to review the October 13, 2001 report and develop specific recommendations, which will need to be moved forward. Dr. Pruden charged Mr. McCabe and the Operations Committee with this task.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Discussion – None

Report Accepted.

## **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION**

Mr. Robert Dinetz stated that over the past 38 months he has been reporting on the plan to implement the National Registry Test at the basic level for EMT candidates. Representatives from the National Registry have participated in regional meetings orienting the EMS community. Additionally, the exam was made available to our instructors (over 75% of the instructor core has taken the exam with a pass rate over 80%.) Beginning in January, we will be implementing the

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National Registry EMT-B exam for all of those candidates who have taken EMT classes in the state of NJ. A memorandum regarding this process was made available during the meeting (attached) and is also posted on the OEMS web site. The candidates who take and pass the exam will initially receive two certifications (National Registry two-year certification and a three-year NJ certification.) There will be no requirements to maintain National Registry certification.

There is no progress on the initiation of a fifth paramedic didactic program. Hudson County College was trying to move forward in cooperation with the Medical Center in Jersey City and other hospitals to establish this new training site, but obviously due to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, other issues of the college, and the Medical Center, we have nothing new to report since our last meeting.

Also, as in the past, we have recently sent out our needs assessments to all of our EMT course sites. We have received approximately 65 applications for those interested in attending next March's instructors course. We will be conducting our instructor screenings, first is January 19 at 8am at Camden County College, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am at the Essex County Police Academy and February 3 at 8am at the John Dempster Police and Fire Training School in Lawrenceville, and the following Sunday is a snow date. The ITI will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and if necessary the 10<sup>th</sup>.

A couple of years ago, the Atlantic EMS Council had a rollout on the Paramedic curriculum and it was open to all the states in the Atlantic EMS Council, of which NJ is one. On October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of 2002, there will be an EMS instructor workshop, it will be held at the Sheridan in Tyson's Corner Virginia, with brochures available in March. There will be room for 225 attendees on a first come first serve basis, and the conference will be open to ALS and BLS instructional personnel.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

#### Discussion

The following items were clarified:

- New EMTs are taking the National Registry exam and they will initially have dual certification (Two-year National Registry and three-year NJ EMT).
- If the EMT wants to maintain their National Registry certification, they must complete their 48 CEUs within the two-year National Registry certification period.
- Continuing education units will be paid for by the training fund as the training is completed.

Report Accepted.

### **PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Dr. Waxler reported that the public education committee had a conference call since our last meeting. We discussed the development of a "What is EMS?" brochure, geared toward the general public. A draft should be ready for the Council's review at our March 2002 meeting.

Dr. Pruden commented that this is the time to look for grants to support EMS education.

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Motion to Accept - Seconded

Discussion – None

Report Accepted

## **SYSTEM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. McCabe reported that the HCFA ambulance fee schedule is slated for implementation on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The significance of the impact remains to be seen. The first year will be at 80% at the old rate and 20% at the new rate. It is possible that a whole new implementation schedule could be announced for implementation on January 1, 2003.

Motion to Accept – Seconded

Discussion

The fee schedule becomes operational immediately upon publication. The publication date must be announced at least 30 days prior to publication.

Report Accepted

## **TRAUMA CENTER COUNCIL**

No report.

## **OEMS REPORT**

Ms. Way mentioned again the Department's reorganization and asked that everyone pick up an organization chart.

2002 EMS week awards dinner will be on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms were made available and are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Karen Halupke and her staff provided the three sessions on bioterrorism for prehospital providers over the past month. The sessions were extremely well received with over 550 providers in attendance. We anticipate conducting additional sessions in the near future.

Motion to Accept - Seconded

Discussion

Dr. Pruden stated the need to consider responses to bioterrorism and weapons of mass destruction incidents as they develop response plans.

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Report Accept

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **TRAUMA SYSTEM ASSESSMENT PROJECT**

Dr. Pruden announced that included in the materials distributed today are the written results of the trauma system assessment project. The process used to develop this document was reviewed. The report should be endorsed by the Council and forwarded to the Commissioner for submission to the federal government.

Motion to accept.

Discussion

Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein explained in detail the project process. The outstanding section is a two to three page narrative to accompany the report, outlining the process followed. All of the concerns identified by the working group were ranked by importance.

Mr. Steinkopf stated that his organization couldn't support the report. The NJSFAC is in opposition to several of the components.

A vote was called, the majority of members in favor of endorsing the report, four members opposed.

Report accepted.

## **NOMINATING REPORT**

In accordance with current by-laws, a new vice chairperson must be elected. The nominating committee has selected Dr. Jennifer Waxler as the nominee for vice chair. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Discussion

The efforts of Mr. McCabe as vice chair of the Council were noted. Mr. McCabe will remain as a member of the Council, and chair of the Operations and Finance Committees.

Accepted.

## **HOSPITAL DIVERSION**

Mr. Ron Czajkowski stated that the New Jersey Hospital Association has printed about 3000 copies of "A Full House-Updated Hospital Diversion Guidelines" (attached). This resource

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is aimed at encouraging communications and, hopefully, will lead the way for change. Copies were available at the meeting. Dr. Pruden thanked the Hospital Association for all of their good work.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Howie Meyer stated his concern that the Council needs to monitor pending legislation very carefully and be ready to work proactively on relative legislation.

## **2002 MEETING DATES**

Allentown First Aid Squad was recognized for their efforts in supporting the EMS Council by hosting our meetings.

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Motion for adjournment - Happy Holidays everyone!

Attachments: Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group Presentation  
OEMS Memo (Dinetz) regarding EMT Basic Course Reimbursement  
Legislative Report – Bill Tracking  
Contact Information for Legislative Safety Committee Members  
NJ EMS World Trade Center Disaster Operations Meeting (10/13/01) Minutes  
Department of Health & Senior Services Organizational Chart  
OEMS Memo (Dinetz) regarding National Registry EMT Exam  
A Full House-Updated Hospital Diversion Guidelines